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1. L. Chen et al., "METHOD FOR DETECTING BIOLOGICAL AGENTS", PCT International Application No. WO 00/66790 published 9 November 2000.

2. L. Chen et al., "Surfactant-Induced Modification of Quenching of Conjugated Polymer Fluorescence by Electron Acceptors: Applications for Chemical Sensing", Chem. Phys. Lett., v. 330(#1-2) pp. 27-33, Nov. 3, 2000.

3. L. Chen et al., "SUPERQUENCHING BEHAVIOR BETWEEN A CONJUGATED POLYMER AND MOLECULAR QUENCHERS AND ITS APPLICATION IN BIOLOGICAL/CHEMICAL SENSORS", Proc. SPIE-Int. Soc. Opt. Eng. (1999), v. 3858, 32-39.

4. J. Y. Gao et al., "CAPILLARY ELECTROPHORESIS AND DYNAMIC LIGHT SCATTERING STUDIES OF STRUCTURE AND BINDING CHARACTERISTICS OF PROTEIN-POLYELECTROLYTE COMPLEXES", J. Phys Chem. B, 1998, v. 102, pp. 5529-5535.

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